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FOR RICHARD BLOOMFIELD

FOLLOWING REPEAT PANAMA 6630 ACTION SECSTATE 19 NOV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 6630

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SUBJECT: LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF TRADE WITH CUBA

REF: A) STATE 252031

B) STATE 191557

C) PANAMA 4973

1. MISSION APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE (REF B) TO ITS REQUEST FOR LISTING OF POTENTIAL LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF GOP RECOGNITION OF CUBA (REF C).

2. WE SHARE CONCERN (REF A) THAT IN CURRENT POST-QUITO ENVIRONMENT THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSELS MOVING INTO THE CUBAN TRADE. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ONCE AGAIN REMIND THE GOP, IN LOW-KEY FASHION, OF THOSE
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ACTIONS WHICH WOULD TRIGGER APPLICATION OF EXISTING U.S. LEGISLATION

AND OF THE CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. WHILE THE GOP IS GENERALLY AWARE
OF U.S. THIRD COUNTRY SANCTIONS, IT IS INCUMBENT ON US TO ENSURE THAT
THERE BE NO PANAMANIAN MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO APPLICABLE U.S.
LAWS AND THEIR REPERCUSSIONS.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT HAS SPANISH
TRANSLATION OF SECTION 620 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. MISSION
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF SUCH TRANSLATION-TOGETHER
WITH AVAILABLE TRANSLATIONS OF ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LEGISLATION-
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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